

1-1 By: Cortez (Senate Sponsor - Gutierrez) H.B. No. 3689
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;
 1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 13, 2021, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the appeal of rates charged for water or sewer service
 1-20 by certain retail public utilities.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 13.043(j), Water Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (j) In an appeal under this section, the utility commission
 1-25 shall ensure that every appealed rate is ~~made, demanded, or~~
 1-26 ~~received by any retail public utility or by any two or more retail~~
 1-27 ~~public utilities jointly shall be~~ just and reasonable. Rates
 1-28 shall not be unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or
 1-29 discriminatory but shall be sufficient, equitable, and consistent
 1-30 in application to each class of customers. The utility commission
 1-31 shall use a methodology that preserves the financial integrity of
 1-32 the retail public utility. For agreements between municipalities
 1-33 the utility commission shall consider the terms of any wholesale
 1-34 water or sewer service agreement in an appellate rate proceeding.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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